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In re the Application of:

Hiroaki HARADA, et al.

Serial No. 09/910,716

Group Art Unit: 3626

Confirmation No. 1801

Filed: July 20, 2001

Examiner: Christopher L. Gilligan

For:

INSURANCE TASK PROCESSING METHOD, INSURANCE TASK PROCESSING PROGRAM, COMPUTER-READABLE STORAGE MEDIUM RECORDED WITH INSURANCE TASK PROCESSING PROGRAM, AND INSURANCE TASK

PROCESSING SYSTEM

AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents PO Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

This is in response to the Final Office Action mailed October 6, 2006, and having a period for response set to expire on January 6, 2007. A Request for Continued Examination (RCE) is filed concurrently herewith along with a Petition for a 1-month extension of time, together with the requisite fee for same, thereby extending the period for response to February 6, 2007.

The following amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted. Entry of the claim amendments and reconsideration of the amended claims is respectfully requested, because it is believed that the claim amendments and remarks clarify the patentably distinguishing features of the present invention over the relied upon references to place the application in condition for allowance and pursuant to 37 CFR 1.116 this Amendment complies with 37 CFR 1.114 by filing an RCE.

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